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SUBJECT: PROPOSED JORDANIAN TRANSFER OF MILITARY
EQUIPMENT TO MAURITANIA

REF: A) STATE 111997 B) AMMAN 2899

1. DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLETED CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION
PROCEDURE ON ITEMS LISTED REF B WHICH JORDAN PROPOSES TO
TRANSFER TO MAURITANIA. EMBASSY SHOULD NOW REQUEST GIRM
TOPROVIDE IN WRITING ASSURANCES ALONG FOLLOWING LINES AS
REQUIRED BY US LAW.

2. QTE: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE ISLAMIC
REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR
TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY THE PROPOSED
TRANSFER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
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MAURITANIA BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN OF 5,000 30 CAL.

M-1 RIFLES, 500 30 CAL. CARBINES, AND 150 30 CAL. MACHINE GUNS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA UNDERSTANDS THAT THE CONSUMMATION OF THIS TRANSACTION IS DEPENDENT UPON THE RECEIPT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN OF WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE TRANSFER FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT IN KEEPING WITH UNITED STATES LAW AND REGULATIONS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY GIVE SUCH CONSENT ONLY UPON BEING FURNISHED WITH ASSURANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER BY ANY MEANS SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THAT SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES WILL BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MILITARY SALES MAY BE MADE BY THE UNITED STATES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA HEREBY GIVES ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER THE DEFENSE ARTICLES WHICH IT PROPOSES TO OBTAIN FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN BY SALE, LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN, CONVEYANCE, OR ANY OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THAT IT WILL USE SUCH ARTICLES SOLELY FOR INTERNAL SECURITY, FOR LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE, TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL OR COLLECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS OR MEASURES CONSISTENT WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, OR TO ENGAGE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WORKS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES HELPFUL TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. (FORMAL CLOSE) END QTE.

3. ONCE ABOVE ASSURANCES ARE RECEIVED, DEPARTMENT WILL BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE FINAL CONSENT TO PROPOSED TRANSFER. PLEASE INFORM US WHEN ASSURANCES ARE RECEIVED AND POUCH COPY OF TEXT (ATTENTION: PM/SAS). KISSINGER

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